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SUBJ: FOREIGN CONTRACTORS INVITED TO REGISTER FOR KUWAIT'S
\$750 MILLION PUBLIC HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

REF: KUWAIT 4924 (1974)

1. KUWAIT NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY WHICH HAS \$750 MILLION
TO SPEND ON HOUSING CONSTRUCTION FOR BOTH LIMITED AND MIDDLE
INCOME FAMILIES OF OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS RECENTLY ISSUED
FOLLOWING INVITATION FOR FOREIGN CONTRACTING FIRMS TO PRE-
REGISTER WITH THEM. TEXT FOLLOWS:

TEXT BEGINS PRE-REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS. THE HOUSING
AUTHORITY IS PLANNING FOR A NUMBER OF MAJOR HOUSING PROJECTS
IN DIFFERENT REGIONS IN THE STATE OF KUWAIT. THE PROGRAMME AIMS
AT BUILDING 6,000 HOUSING UNITS EVERY YEAR IN THE FORM OF
INDEPENDENT DWELLINGS OR RESIDENTIAL COMPLEXES.

EACH CONTRACT WILL COVER BETWEEN 1,500 AND 4,000 HOUSING UNITS
IN ADDITION TO ALL THE UTILITIES AND SERVICES NECESSARY FOR
THESE UNITS SUCH AS SCHOOLS, MOSQUES, PARKS, ROADS, STORM-
WATER DRAINS, WATER AND ELECTRICITY NETWORKS, STREETLIGHTING
AND TELEPHONES.

CONTRACTORS DESIROUS OF REGISTRATION FOR PARTICIPATION ON
THE TENDERS OF HOUSING PROJECTS SHOULD COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION
FORMS INTENDED FOR THIS PURPOSE TO SHOW THEIR FINANCIAL

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STANDING, EXPERIENCE, THE EQUIPMENT AND MANPOWER WHICH THEY

ARE CAPABLE OF MAKING AVAILABLE FOR THESE WORKS.
THE PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM: HOUSING AUTHORITY,
P.O. BOX 23385, SAFAT, KUWAIT (TELEPHONE 818734). END TEXT.

2. REQUEST COMMERCE GIVE THIS MESSAGE WIDE DISSEMINATION AMONG
CONTRACTORS AND ASSOCIATIONS SUCH AS THE NATIONAL HOME BUILDERS
ASSOCIATION.

3. COMMENT: IT IS WIDELY CONCEDED THAT KUWAIT DOES NOT
DOMESTICALLY HAVE AVAILABLE SUFFICIENT CONSTRUCTION CAPACITY
TO BEGIN TO UNDERTAKE THE NUMBER OF AMBITIOUS DEVELOPEMENT
PROGRAMS PLANNED OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. THE NATIONAL
HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS INDICATED TO US IN THE PAST THEY WISH
TO ENCOURAGE FOREIGN CONTRACTORS TO DO AS MUCH OF THIS WORK AS
POSSIBLE INCLUDING RECRUITING FOREIGN WORKERS. WITH US HOUSING
MARKET IN APPARENT DISARRAY WOULD THINK THAT KUWAIT'S PROGRAMS
PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIMITED MUNBER OF US FIRMS TO STAY
AFLAT DURING PRESENT HOUSING SLUMP. SHOULD BE NOTED THAT
NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS SHOWN EVERY SERIOUS INTENT
TO ACHIEVE GOAL OF 6,000 PUBLIC UNITS ANNUALLY IT HAS SET
FOR ITSELF.

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